

1 SENATE BILL 741

2 47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; REQUIRING THE HUMAN SERVICES
12 DEPARTMENT TO DEVOTE A PORTION OF FEDERAL FUNDING TO FAMILY
13 FORMATION GOALS; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 Section 1. Section 27-2B-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1998,
17 Chapter 8, Section 1 and Laws 1998, Chapter 9, Section 1) is
18 amended to read:

19 "27-2B-1. SHORT TITLE.--~~[Sections 1 through 20 of this~~
20 ~~act]~~ Chapter 27, Article 2B NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "New
21 Mexico Works Act"."

22 Section 2. A new Section 27-2B-7.2 NMSA 1978 is enacted
23 to read:

24 "27-2B-7.2. [NEW MATERIAL] FAMILY FORMATION GOALS.--

25 A. In fiscal year 2007 and each subsequent fiscal

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1 year, a sum of at least one percent of the federal block grant
2 for the state's temporary assistance for needy families
3 programs shall be spent on programs to enhance family
4 formation.

5 B. Family formation programs include:

- 6 (1) marriage skills training for engaged and
7 married couples;
- 8 (2) premarital education;
- 9 (3) marriage enhancement;
- 10 (4) divorce reduction;
- 11 (5) marriage mentoring;
- 12 (6) reducing disincentives to marriage in
13 programs that require proof of income; and
- 14 (7) responsible fatherhood in a voluntary
15 program approved by the secretary.

16 C. The secretary shall promulgate rules for
17 responsible fatherhood programs.

18 D. The secretary shall report annually through 2010
19 on family formation programs and funding to the welfare reform
20 oversight committee."